

REMARKS

By this Amendment, a new Abstract is submitted, claims 1 and 6 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 3 and 7 are rewritten in independent format and claims 4-5 and 8 are amended to correct for the claim cancellations. Additionally, the claims have been amended to remove the objections and rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112. Claims 2-5 and 7-9 are pending.

Claims 3-5 and 7-9 were deemed to include allowable subject matter and, by this Amendment, are allowable. All objections and rejections having been addressed, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. However, if anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned Applicant representative at the number listed below.

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